

**MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARSHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SETH VENTRESS AUDITORIUM
April 11, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

Mr. Costello called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mr. Greer	Absent (Arrived at 7:30)
Ms. Boyd	Yes

Also present were Supt. Mr. Jeffrey Granatino, Asst. Supt. Dr. Ellen Martin, Director of Special Education/Pupil Personnel Ms. Amy Scolaro, and Asst. Supt. Business & Finance Mr. Thomas Miller.

Mr. Costello noted under the Open Meeting Law, he was informing the public of this meeting being videotaped by Marshfield Community Media. If anyone in the audience is taping the meeting, either audio or video, please inform us of such at this time.

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to open the School Choice Public Hearing. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 3-0-0.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mr. Greer	Absent
Ms. Boyd	Yes

Mr. Costello invited those who would like to be heard on the topic to make themselves known. No individuals came forward.

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to close the School Choice Public Hearing. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 3-0-0.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mr. Greer	Absent
Ms. Boyd	Yes

Mr. Costello requested a moment of silence for 2009 MHS alumnus Victoria Medeiros Oehmen who died following a 5 year battle with ovarian cancer. She was a very talented musician. The MFOM established a scholarship in her honor.

Mr. Costello recognized SC member Brigid Boyd on completing 2 terms on the SC as a steady voice and outstanding leader who put students first. Other SC members along with Supt. Granatino thanked Ms. Boyd for all she accomplished for the district. Recognition certificates from Senator Ed Markey and Representative Bill Keating were presented.

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE: Winter MIAA State Champion Recognitions

Supt. Granatino along with AD Billy Battis recognized 2 MHS athletes:

- Annie Spencer – Division 1 State Gymnastics Balance Beam Champion
- Cameron Pope – Division 2 State Diving Champion

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student representatives Nicole October updated the Committee on the following:

- MHS/FBMS report cards posted 4/6
- Parent/teacher conferences upcoming at MHS and FBMS
- MHS drama presenting Mamma Mia this spring
- MHS music students going on trip to California
- Art/Tech Fair tonight at MHS

INFORMATIONAL

Supt. Granatino updated the Committee on the following:

- Art/Tech Fair is AMAZING!
- Congratulations to the MHS musicians on recent concerts
- Article before STM regarding joining SSVT
- Youth & Government attended event at State House where Principal Keuther was recognized for his contributions over 20+ years
- Work continues on the strategic plan

Asst. Supt. Martin updated the Committee on the following:

- PK-12 participated in UDL training
 - Katie Novak to present I May
- Submitted grant for continued implementation of Bridges math program
- Upcoming Women In Leadership Conference

Mrs. Scolaro had no updates for the Committee.

Asst. Supt. Miller updated the Committee on earthwork at 255 Furnace Street to prevent moisture. The building is scheduled to open in September.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MEA UPDATE

Mrs. Sally Marples, MEA President, thanked Ms. Boyd for her service to MPD over the past 6 years. She also expressed her hope that the community understands the necessity of changing school schedules.

MINUTES

Mr. Costello tabled the minutes to a future meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

FY24 Operating Budget

Asst. Supt. Miller discussed the cost increases in transportation and out of district placements along with the proposed transportation fee. MPD enrollment has declined. The budget subcommittee will reconvene. A Town Meeting article includes a 3% increase to next year's operating budget.

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to approve the FY24 operating budget of \$55,778,939. Ms. Boyd second. VOTE: 3-0-0

Principal Search Updates

Supt. Granatino updated the SC on the MHS principal search where 2 finalists were brought forward. One candidate accepted a position in another district. Supt. Granatino feels it best to reopen the search with the position re-posting on 4/27. He thanked the search committee for their thorough job thus far.

The EWS principal search committee is in the midst of interviews and focus groups with the EWS community.

2024-2025 Academic Calendar

Supt. Granatino discussed the 1/2 day on 12/23. The SC decided to begin the holiday break on 12/20 and extend the school year to 6/17.

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar as amended. Ms. Boyd second. Vote 3-0-0

Transportation Fee

Mr. Miller discussed the proposed bus transportation fee as a 2nd read. The focus of the fee is to maximize the efficiency of bus transportation to potentially move the secondary schools to a later start time and move the 5 elementary schools to the same start time. If approved, transportation registration will begin 5/1.

Ms. Stetson asked when start times will be discussed. Mr. Miller answered after registration closes on 5/31. The hope is to reduce the 28 current elementary bus routes to 20. Mr. Costello thanked all those who worked on the transportation subcommittee.

MOTION: Ms. Stetson moved to approve the Transportation Fee of \$180/student, \$360/family. Ms. Boyd second. Vote 4-0-0

III. NEW BUSINESS

School Choice

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to declare Marshfield Public School District a school choice district. Ms. Stetson second. Vote 0-3-0

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Absent
Ms. Stetson	No
Mr. Costello	No
Mr. Greer	Absent
Ms. Boyd	No

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

A School Committee meeting is scheduled for April 24th at Marshfield High School prior to Special Town Meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ms. Stetson second. VOTE: 4-0-0

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Brait	Absent
Ms. Stetson	Yes
Mr. Costello	Yes
Mr. Greer	Yes
Ms. Boyd	Yes

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Pozerski
School Committee Secretary